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TOPIC Volkspolizei Units in Leipzig

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1. About 500 police were quartered in each of the following installations in Leipzig on 22 May 1950:
 - a. The barracks bounded by Landsbergerstrasse, Olbrichtstrasse and Danzigerstrasse; *
 - b. The barracks bounded by Viertelsweg, Jonny Scheerstrasse and Fritz Reuterstrasse; **
 - c. The barracks bounded by Georg Schumannstrasse, the railroad line to Weissenfels and Wedellstrasse; **

All VP sentries at all of the installations wore black-red-gold cockades and carried model 98-K carbines.

2. A VP unit of three 40-man platoons marched along Jonny Scheerstrasse on 22 May 1950. The first platoon was armed with model 98-K carbines. The second platoon was armed half with carbines and half with submachine guns, plus three or four model 43 automatic rifles. The third platoon had three model 34 machine guns and three water-cooled model 08 machine guns. Personnel of the first two platoons also carried practice hand grenades.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. Probably the large barracks bordering on Danzigerstrasse, Olbrichtstrasse, Landsbergerstrasse and Wiederitzscher Weg. The installation houses the 1st VP Bereitschaft (infantry).

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